

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1-61. (Canceled)

62. (Currently amended) A method for preventing the development of an antibiotic resistant resistancee microbial infection, the method comprising:

administering to a subject prior to, at the same time as or after the subject has received antibiotic therapy against a microbial infection, an effective amount of an immunostimulatory nucleic acid for promoting an immune response against the microbial infection, thereby preventing the development of an antibiotic resistant resistancee microbial infection.

63. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein the immunostimulatory nucleic acid is a CpG nucleic acid.

64. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62, wherein the immunostimulatory nucleic acid is a T-rich nucleic acid.

65. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 62, wherein the immunostimulatory nucleic acid is a poly-G nucleic acid.

66. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein the immunostimulatory nucleic acid is a nucleic acid having a phosphorothioate backbone modification.

67. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein the immunostimulatory nucleic acid is administered before the antibiotic.

68. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein the immunostimulatory nucleic acid is administered at the same time as the antibiotic.

69. (Original) The method of claim 62, wherein the immunostimulatory nucleic acid is administered after the antibiotic.

70-83. (Canceled)